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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED RETURN OF ARNULFO ARIAS TO PANAMA

1. CITING RADIO MONUMENTAL OF SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, LOCAL PRESS TODAY HEADLINED THE NEWS THAT DEPOSED PRESIDENT ARNULFO ARIAS WOULD RETURN TO PANAMA ON THURSDAY, JAN. 29. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS, AMONG THEM, DR. CARLOS YOUNG ADAMES AND HILDEBRANDO NICOSIA.

2. SEMI-INDEPENDENT "ESTRELLA" AND ENGLISH COUNTERPART "STAR AND HERALD" MERELY CARRIED DETAILS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WITHOUT COMMENT. THE PRO-GOP "MATUTIONO" AND "CRITICA" ALSO GAVE FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO THE NEWS, STATING IN THEIR ARTICLES THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARIAS' RETURN IS THE CLIMAX TO THE CONSPIRACY RECENTLY INITIATED BY A NUMBER OF PANAMANIAN BUSINESSMEN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND RESULTING IN THE EXILE OF ELEVEN PERSONS TO ECUADOR.

3. COMMENT: GOP HAS ISSUED NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND HAS APPARENTLY ALLOWED NEWS TO BE PUBLISHED BOTH AS EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS INDEED A CONSPIRACY BEING FOMENTED BY SOME PANAMANIAN
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BUSINESSMEN, AND AS A TRIAL BALLOON REGARDING THE

RETURN OF ARIAS.

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